

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 13 and 14 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Morris for indicating that the claims directed to the elected subject matter would be allowable. See page 3 of the Office Action.

In the amendment submitted above, the claims have been amended to read on the elected subject matter.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. The term "salts" has been replaced by --salt--. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

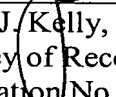
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